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In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: Krystyna Suchecki

For: AIRGAP TYPE ETALON APPARATUS UTILIZING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002, having a period for reply set to expire October 18, 2002, applicants elect claims 1-7 of Group I, without traverse.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL non-elected claims 8-13, without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner restricted the application to one of four inventions. The applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1, which includes claims 1-7. This election is made without traverse. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

Entry of this amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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